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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Slatter et al. (US 6,567,126)

In regard to claim 1, Slatter provides for a document camera (Fig.3, col. 7 lines 42-44) comprising: a script base (Fig.3 element 56, col.7 lines 40-44) for placing thereon a document to be captured (Fig.3 element 54, col.7 lines 42-43); image capture means (Fig.3 element 20, col.7 lines 40-45, note the camera) for capturing the document placed on said script base to generate a moving image signal (Fig.3 element 20, note that the camera, which could be replaced by a video, for generating a moving image signal, see col.3 lines 13-18); and signal output means (Fig.6 element 51, which the same as the first embodiment. Col.7 lines 15-20) for delivering the moving image signal to the outside (Fig.6 element 51), wherein said image capture means (Fig.3, element 20) has an imager device (Fig.6 element 34, col.9 lines 6-10) and an optical system (Fig.6 element 91, col.9 lines 6-10) integrally incorporated therein (Fig.6 element 84, col.9 lines 19-23); and said image capture means (Fig.3 element 20) is disposed

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above said script base (Fig.3 element 56) at a location away from the center of said script base (Fig.3 element 20, col.7 lines 44-45, note "camera 20, which is mounted atop a post 60 that is clamped 62 to an edge 64 of desk 58").

With regard to claim 2, Slatter provides a light source placed in proximity to said image capture means for illuminating a document on said script base (light source is inherent, in proximity to image capture, because otherwise camera 20 of Fig.3, would not be able to capture an image of a piece of A4 size paper 54 resting on the surface 56 of a desk 58. see col.7 lines 42-44).

As to claims 3 and 8, Slatter provides for an image signal processor (Fig.6 element 38, col.9 lines 13-14) disposed between said image capture means (Fig.6 element 34, col.9 lines 7-9) and said signal output means (Fig.6 element 51, which the same as the first embodiment. Col.7 lines 15-20) for correcting a distortion (col.9 lines 9-12) of an image captured by said imager device (Fig.6 element 34, col.9 lines 7-9).

In regard to claims 4 and 9, Slatter provides for an image signal processor (Fig.6 element 38, col.9 lines 13-14) comprises a keystone distortion correcting function (col.8 lines 24-34) for correcting an optical distortion (col.8 lines 30-34) caused by an inclination (Fig.4 element 114, col. 8 lines 24-25) of the optical axis of said optical system with respect to said script base (Fig.3 element 56).

As to claims 5 and 10 Slatter provides for an image signal processor (Fig.6 element 38, col.9 lines 13-14) further comprises a correction factor adjusting function (col.8 lines 50-55, note the formula) for varying a correction factor in accordance with a change in the focal distance of said optical system (Fig.4 element S2' refers to focal distance,

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col.8 lines 45-55).

In regard to claims 6-7 and 11-12, Slatter provides for an image signal processor (Fig.6 element 38, col.9 lines 13-14) further comprises a distortion correcting function for correcting a distortion which varies with a change in the focal distance (Fig.4 element S2' refers to focal distance, col.8 lines 45-55) of said optical system (col.8 lines 50-55, note lens equation to calculate $S2=S2' \cdot f2/(f2-S2')$ in addition to said keystone distortion correcting function (col.8 lines 24-34).

Other Cited References

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. patent 6,160,641 to Kaneko et al. is cited for four-plane reflection type reflective optical unit and scanner optical system.

U.S. patent 6,067,112 to Wellner et al. is cited for interactive desktop display system for automatically adjusting pan and zoom functions in response to user adjustment of a feedback image.

U.S. patent 5,978,551 to Koyama is cited for picture data printing apparatus and print picture data generating apparatus.

U.S. patent 4,984,285 to Kano et al. is cited for method of correcting shading phenomenon in optical character reader.

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Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ali Bayat whose telephone number is 571-272-7444.

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